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ACTION ARA-10

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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NICACT IMMEDIATE 6988

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY LIMA

USCINCSO IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6431

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PFOR EC

SUBJECT: COUP ATTEMPT IN ECUADOR: SITREP #8

REF: QUITO 6427

1. PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WAS TAKEN BY REBEL FORCES AT ABOUT 10:50 A.M. AFTER CONTINUOUS FIGHTING FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF 30 MINUTE CEASE FIRE AT ABOUT 9:30 A.M. UNCONFIRMED RAIDO REPORTS STATE THAT GONZALEZ PROCLAIMED HIMSELF PRESIDENT AT 1110 IN THE PALACE.

2. THERE WERE NO REPORTS AS TO WHETHER MEMBERS OF RODRIGUEZ FAMILY OR OTHERS DEPARTED PALACE DURING CEASE FIRE.

3. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ' EXACT LOCATION IS NOT CERTAIN BUT HE HAS BEEN REPORTED SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING TO HAVE GONE LAST NIGHT TO RIOBAMBA. THERE HAVE BEEN CONFLICTING RADIO REPORTS ABOUT WHETHER HE HAS DEPARTED THAT CITY FOR QUITO WITH AN ARMORED COLUMN.

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4. SPECIFIC UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES ARE EVIDENTLY STILL  
DETERMINING WHICH SIDE TO JOIN. PASTAZA SPECIAL FORCES  
BRIGADE REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN QUITO TO SUPPORT  
GONZALEZ. THIRTEEN TRUCKS OF SOLDIERS REPUTEDLY LOYAL TO  
RODRIGUEZ FROM THE VENCEDORES GARRISON NEAR THE QUITO  
CIVIL AIRPORT ARE SAID TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE CENTER OF  
TOWN.  
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